

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2008
6:30 PM

Rebecca Mann
Lee Collins
Tracey Sampson,
Bill Kiessling, Mayor
Ernest Shepard
Rich Taylor
Jason Allison, Town Attorney
Cristal Jordan, Town Administrator
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

List of attendees in minute book

Mayor Kiessling brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

I **APPROVAL OF:** Town meeting minutes from April 14, 2008
Tracey Sampson made a motion to accept the minutes. Lee Collins 2nd.

Vote: Aye – 5
 Nay – 0

II **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A.	POLICE DEPARTMENT Report attached	TRACEY SAMPSON
B.	PLANNING & ZONING Report attached	RICH TAYLOR
C.	HISTORIC COMMISSION Report attached	HARRIETT DAVIS
D.	PUBLIC WORKS Report attached	BUDDY SHEPARD
E.	ETHICS/CHARTER	REBECCA MANN
F.	ARCHIVES/HISTORY WATER/SEWER	LEE COLLINS
G.	PARKS & RECREATION Report attached	BARBARA WILKERS
H.	LEGAL COUNSEL	JASON ALLISON
I.	TOWN REPORT Report attached	BILL KIESSLING CRISTAL JORDAN JERRY WHEELER, MES VALERIE WALLS

III PUBLIC HEARING: The Constant Yield Tax Rate

No public comment

PUBLIC COMMENT: (not verbatim)

Ron Francis: When will the dirt in the parking spaces in Ferry Slip Road be removed? What is being done about the railing at Beck's Landing?

Steve Gottlieb: Does not want to lose the money from the corps. When taking government funds to use where they are not designated, you stand to lose everything you have gained.

Bob Hirschfield: He has spoken with Larry Silverman and wants everyone to realize how serious it would be not to use the funds as intended. We would be in violation of federal law. It would damage the reputation and harm our bond ratings.

Renee McKinney: An understanding the money was to be used to pay off the loan we took out for the widening of the canal. I'm confused how we got shifted to lowering our debt.

Frank Hill: Most of my subject has been covered.

Bob Bernstein: Who had authorized this project. What is the status of the investigation?

Lee Hutton: Wanted to thank Mayor Keissling, Mr. Sampson, Larry Silverman, especially Gerry Robertson for doing something we really needed done. This is the first phase to get us on the way to one system.

Katie Hutton: Everybody else said it

Cindy Ortt: Feels she's lost a quality of life with the noise. We need to better enforce our noise ordinance.

IV ACTION ITEMS

1. Lee Collins made a motion to approve the constant yield as stated, \$.420 per \$100.00 of assessed value. Tracey Sampson 2nd.

Vote
Aye – All in favor
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

2. Tracey Sampson made a motion to accept Ordinance 5-12-2008.2, Ordinance approving the application of the Chesapeake City District Civic Association to host a street festival between hours of 8am and 5pm on June 28, 2008. Lee Collins 2nd.

Vote
Aye – All in favor
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

3. Tracey Sampson made a motion to accept Ordinance 5-12-2008.2, Ordinance permitting possession and consumption of beer in Pell Gardens on Canal Day. Rich Taylor 2nd.

Vote
Aye – All in favor
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

4. Rich Taylor made a motion to deny the application to for the use of Town Hall by the Merchants of Chesapeake City on May 17, 2008. Tracey Sampson 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

5. CCDCA requests street closures for Canal Day
Information is included in Ordinance 5-12-2008.2
6. Atlantic Broadband
This item has been tabled.
7. W/S contract for foam system with DJ Services
This item has been tabled.
8. Permission to remove \$30,000 to W/S Fund for Emergency Repairs
This item has been tabled.

9. P & Z Vacancy Appointment.
Two nominations- Both are recommended by P&Z Board equally. Since both candidates for Mayor serve on this board, there will be a second vacancy after the election. The board's perspective is it's only a matter of who goes in first.
Lee Collins made a motion to nominate Frank Vari.
Tracey Sampson made a motion to nominate Bob Hirschfield.

Vote **Bob Hirschfield - 3**
 Frank Vari - 2
 Bob Hirschfield is now a member of the Planning & Zoning Board.

V. Discussion Items

- Resolution excepting bid requirement for BAU
Resolution 5-12-2008.1 - adopting an exclusion from formal bid requirements. Further action must be taken, specifically with a budget amendment. We have to receive and distribute the check in such a way that it conforms within our budget.
- Resolution authorizing contract with BAU
The Ordinance has to be passed first.
- Town Hall repairs – Cristal has one bid and waiting for two others. Should have them for the workshop. Bids will be itemized.
- Updated Budget
Review of 2008-2009 proposed budget.

ADJOURN Tracey Sampson made the motion to adjourn. Lee Collins 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

Submitted _____ **Approved by:** _____
Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer Bill Kiessling Mayor